

The Central Government have released Rs.50 lakhs each during the year 1990-91 for the growth centres to be set up in Gorakhpur and Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh whose Project Reports were received before 31, March, 1991. The Government of Bihar have not sent the Project reports for the selected Growth Centres.

Corruption Cases in UPSC and SSC

4486. **SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:**
SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
UDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases detected in the Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission during each of the last three years;

(b) the nature thereof;

(c) number of officials found guilty and the action taken against them; and

(d) the relief given to the affected candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Both in Union Public Service Commission and the Staff Selection Commission, one case each of corruption has been detected during the last three years.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) As investigation by the CBI in both the cases is not complete, no action has been taken against any official.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

During 1990, complaints were received in the Commission alleging that some candidates selected from Inspector of Income Tax/Central Excise etc. Examination, 1988 had used unfair means in connivance with some officials working in the Commission. CBI has registered a case and it is under investigation.

UNION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CBI has registered a case in April 1991 against one Desk Officer for possession of assets disproportionate to known source of income. The case is under investigation.

[English]

Taking up of Fishing Activities by American Fishing Industry in India

4487. **SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:**
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have invited the American fishing Industry to take up some of its business in India;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions laid down;

(c) whether those conditions are acceptable to the American Fishing Industry; and

(d) if so, the response of the American Industry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Three Point Levy System for Coconut Husk

4488. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have introduced a three points levy system for coconut husk;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this new levy system has been suggested by the special task force appointed to look into the problems of the coir industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J KURIEN): (a) to (c). On the recommendations of Shri Ashim Chatterjee Committee Report, validity of Three Point Levy Scheme which had expired on 30th September, 1990 has been allowed to continue upto 31st October, 1992. The modified Three Point Levy Scheme shall be operated in Kerala, other than the Districts of Trissur, Malapuram, Palakkad, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod. Shri Ashim Chatterjee Committee while examining the question of continuance of Three Point Levy Scheme has also referred to the "Report of the Task Force" set up by the Government of Kerala.

Demand and Production of Castor Oil

4489. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is big demand for Castor oil in the international market;

(b) whether, despite being at the top in castor oil production, India lags behind in the international market;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLEIS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUD-DIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Our country is the largest producer of castor oil. We are not lagging behind in international market as our share is 65% of total world trade. However, we are increasingly facing competition from Brazil, China and Thailand.

(d) In order to increase production of castor oil, the following steps have been taken/proposed to be taken:-

- i) Registered Users Certificate (industrial) are issued under Solvent Extracted Oils, Edible Floor Control Order, 1967 so as to ensure that castor oil is used for industrial purposes.
- ii) Assistance to the States for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measure including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments for organising demonstration of advance technology are being made through Oilseed Production Programme (OPP).
- iii) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.
- iv) Setting up of necessary proc-